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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, the art listed and identified on the attached Form PTO-1449 is being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of each of the listed references is included herewith.

It is applicant's opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from each of these references. The above references are being cited only in the interests of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

In order to comply with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed on it are attached.

In accordance with MPEP §§609 and 707.05(b), Applicant respectfully requests that each document listed be given thorough consideration and that the Examiner cite each

document of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to each document. Applicant requests such initialing even if the Examiner does not consider: (1) a listed document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection; (2) a document to be prior art for any reason; or (3) that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with respecting a particular document. Applicant makes this request so that each document becomes cited on the face of a patent issuing on the present application. Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement in compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 CFR §1.56, but by listing such documents Applicant is not admitting that such documents are necessarily relevant or prior art. Applicant intends no representation that the listed documents represent the results of a complete search. Applicant anticipates that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search to determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR §§1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of such search, will review for relevance every document listed on the attached Form even if not initialed.


No item of information contained herein was cited in a communication for a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing hereof.

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